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SUBJECT: CENTRAL ASIAN EARTHQUAKE: REQUEST FOR REPORTS OR RUMORS
ON DAMAGE TO NUCLEAR REACTORS

REF: STATE 121124 (NOTAL)

1. AS OF 1600 MT 18 MAY, EMBASSY HAS HEARD NEITHER REPORTS NOR
RUMORS OF DAMAGE TO NUCLEAR FACILITIES FROM THE SUBJECT EARTH-
QUAKE.

2. FYI. 17 MAY TV REPORT ON EARTHQUAKE STATED THAT EPICENTER
WAS IN "UNPOPULATED REGION," AND LEFT IMPRESSION THAT DAMAGE WAS
FINFINED TO LOCALIZED AREA. ON THE OTHER HAND, TASS RELEASE HAS
MENTIONED THAT DAMAGE WAS SERIOUS IN SOME SMALL TOWNS.

3. ON 17 MAY EMBASSY OFFICER REPORTED BY TELEPHONE FROM DUSHANBE
(THERE ON FIELD TRIP) THAT BUILDINGS THERE SHOOK SLIGHTLY,
BUT NO DAMAGE APPARENT. ACCORDING TO EMBOFF SOLE APPARENT
OFFICIAL ACT THERE IN RESPONSE TO TREMOR WAS TO DISMISS
SCHOOL EARLY, AND THAT OFFICIALS EXPECTED FURTHER TREMORS. UPON
HIS RETURN FROM DUSHANBE MAY 18 EMBOFF FURTHER REPORTED
EARTHQUAKE REGISTERED 4 ON A 12-POINT RUSSIAN SCALE (IN DUSHANBE),
THERE WAS NO DAMAGE THERE BUT THAT WORD OF INHABITANTS OF DUSHANBE
WAS THAT DAMAGE WAS CONSIDERABLE IN BUKHARA, AND TASHKENT
ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO WORD OF CASUALTIES. END FYI.

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4. WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. ERDA

MAY WISH TO SEE SEPTTEL CONCERNING AMCITS IN AREA.

5. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER REQUEST FROM REFTTEL WAS
PROMPTED BY ERDA'S HAVING HEARD SUCH REPORT OR RUMOR.
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